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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN LETTER ON TEST BAN

REF: A. USUN 631; B. STATE 50517; C. USUN A-385

1. NIGERIAN MISSION HAS SENT A NOTE TO USUN, AND PRESUMABLY TO MISSIONS OF OTHER NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, AS FOLLOW-UP TO MAY 6 MEETING OF "THE 26 NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES" THAT HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES ON THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS, PURSUANT TO THE SOVIET-INSPIRED RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT IN 1975 AND 1976. NOTE (FULL TEXT BELOW) CONTAINS APPEAL TO US FROM NIGERIAN PERM REP HARRIMAN, ON BASIS OF A "MANDATE" GIVEN HIM BY THE 26 STATES, TO "OBSERVE YOUR OWN SIDE OF THE OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE TWO RESOLUTIONS". IN ADDITION, NOTE ASSERTS HARRIMAN IS
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"MANDATED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DELEGATIONS OF THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES," BUT DOES NOT MAKE A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

2. ANNEXED TO NOTE IS SEPARATE NOTE SENT TO SYG (FULL TEXT POUCHED) REQUESTING THAT HE "CONVENE AN OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE STATES APPOINTED BY THE GA AND ITS

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PRESIDENT FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE COMPLETE AND
GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON TESTS IN ORDER
TO DISCUSS THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTIONS
3478(XXX) AND 31/89." MOREOVER, NOTE REQUESTS
THAT SYG HIMSELF PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING.

3. COMMENT: MISSION WILL FOLLOW GUIDANCE AUTHORIZED
REF A IN REPLYING TO NIGERIANS. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
PREFERABLE TO REPLY INFORMALLY WHEN DIRECTLY APPROACHED
BY NIGERIANS, RATHER THAN SEND FORMAL RESPONSE, WHICH
WOULD IMPLICITLY RECOGNIZE EXISTENCE OF THE "GROUP OF
26 NNWS" AND NIGERIA'S ASSERTED "MANDATE" TO SPEAK FOR
THEM. WE WILL ALSO SEEK TO DISCOURAGE SECRETARIAT FROM
AGREEING TO CONVENE "OFFICIAL" MEETING OF THE "GROUP."
END COMMENT.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NIGERIAN NOTE TO USUN:

QUOTE OUR REF.: UNC1/002
NO. 79/77

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF NIGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AND, WITH REFERENCE TO ITS EARLIER NOTE, NO. 24/77
OF 2ND MAY 1977, HAS THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING:
IN PURSUANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 3478 (XXX)
AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/89, THE 26 NON-NUCLEAR-
WEAPON STATES HAVE CONSISTENTLY CARRIED OUT THEIR OBLIGATIONS
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AND ARE READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH
ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES WITH A VIEW TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO
THE PROBLEM OF THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPON TESTS.
THIS GROUP HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REASSESS AND CON-
FIRM THEIR STAND, HAS MANDATED HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. L.O. HARRIMAN
AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIA TO THE UNITED
NATIONS, TO APPEAL TO YOU ONCE MORE THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THIS
NOTE TO OBSERVE YOUR OWN SIDE OF THE OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN
THE TWO RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MENTIONED ABOVE.
HE IS ALSO MANDATED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DELEGATIONS OF
THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES TOWARDS ACHIEVING THIS END.
IT IS GRATIFYING TO NOTE AND IT IS THE HOPE OF THE 26 NON-
NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES THAT, IN SPITE OF SLOW PROGRESS AS AT
PRESENT, ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS RESPECT WILL SOON ACHIEVE
THE DESIRED BREAK-THROUGH. THE CATASTROPHE OF A FAILURE IS TOO
TERRIBLE TO CONTEMPLATE.
I HAVE ANNEXED TO THIS NOTE MY CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS
MATTER TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR

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EARLY REACTIONS.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE PERMANENT MISSION OF NIGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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